

# Citizen Bibliography

## *Ranch House History and Style*

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Ames, David L., and Linda Flint McClelland. *National Register Bulletin. Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places*. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2002). Free from the National Park Service Website.

Guide produced by the National Park Service to assist in the identification, evaluation, documentation, and registration of residential suburban neighborhoods built from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Contents include an overview of suburbanization from 1830-1960, including an identification of various architectural styles, subdivision designs, and landscaping preferences.

*Atomic Ranch* (South Pasadena, CA.) One year subscription \$19.95 available online from the publisher.

A quarterly publication dedicated to mid century homes, specifically concentrating on ranch homes of the 1940s through the 1970s. The magazine is aimed a younger “hip” audience and features ranch homes from around the nation, with a particular emphasis on interior design. Of particular interest are a regular Q&A section that addresses issues of repair and restoration (emphasis on interiors) and the advertiser index offering the names and addresses of companies specializing in vintage fittings, materials, and furniture.

City of Phoenix. *Historic Homes of Phoenix: An Architectural and Preservation Guide*. (City of Phoenix Publication, 1992) Available from the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office.

The Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission had Cooper/Roberts Architects this information on the architectural eras and styles found in Phoenix, and prepared design guidelines for the five stylistic eras. The Ranch Era Guidelines are the most applicable to the postwar neighborhoods in Scottsdale. The glossary of terms may also be useful. The Historic Preservation Officer and the Phoenix commission use the guidelines to review Certificates of Appropriateness

Fudala, Joan. *Historic Scottsdale: A Life from the Land*. (New York: Historical Publishing Network, 2001). \$49.95 on Amazon.com.

Joan Fudala is a Scottsdale-based freelance writer and public relations consultant who is a regular contributor to numerous Arizona publications, including Arizona Republic, Scottsdale Life, and Scottsdale Airpark News. Historic Scottsdale "coffee table" style illustrated history book published for the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust in anticipation of Scottsdale's 50th anniversary of incorporation in 2001. This book offers a geographically based look at the prehistory and the history of Scottsdale, Arizona, used.

Fitch, James M. *Historic Preservation: Curatorial Management of the Built World* (Richmond, VA.: University Press of Virginia, 1990). 433pp. Bibliography, Index. \$24.50 on Amazon.com

Written by James Marston Fitch, Director Emeritus of the Historic Preservation Program of the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at Columbia University. Dr. Fitch has been credited by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as a leader in the field who “helped to shape and inspire the American ethic of preservation”. This book covers a range of topics including why save our historic structures and districts, how to accomplish it, and how to use and interpret these structures in a meaningful way. Well illustrated with case histories.

Granger, Byrd H. *The Authentic History of Scottsdale, Arizona since 1891* (Scottsdale: Scottsdale Convention and News Bureau, 1956). 16pp. Out of Print.

1956 illustrated tourist publication produced by the Scottsdale Convention and News Bureau. Work covers Scottsdale’s pre-history through its publication date. A copy is available at Arizona State University, Hayden Library.

Hess, Alan, and Noah Sheldon. *The Ranch House*. (New York: Harry N. Adams Inc., 2005). 240pp. Bibliography, Index. \$29.79 at Amazon.com

*Ranch House* traces the nearly 75-year evolution of the Ranch House, including a tour of more than 25 iconic Ranch House dwellings. Book features the mid-century designs as well as the various styles popular in the 1960s and 1970s. Book features 240 black and white and color photographs, however does not provide floor plans.

King, Thomas F. *Federal Planning and Historical Places: The Section 106 Process* (Walnut Creek, CA.: Alta Mira Press, 2000) 195pp Bibliography, Index. 27.95 at Amazon.com

Section 106. A critical section of an obscure law, the National Preservation Act. It has saved thousands of historic sites, archeological sites, buildings, and neighborhoods across the country from destruction by Federal projects. And it has let even more be destroyed, or damaged, or somehow changed. It is the major legal basis for a multi-million dollar "cultural resource management" industry that provides employment to thousands of archeologists, historians, and architectural historians. It is interpreted in a wide variety of ways by judges, lawyers, Federal agency officials, State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, contractors, and academics. In this book, Tom King de-mythologizes Section 106, explaining its origins, its rationale, and the procedures that must be followed in carrying out its terms. Available just months after the latest revision of section 106.

Kimsey, Bill. *Recollections of Early Scottsdale: “The Way it Was”* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1987). 75pp. Available at the Scottsdale Public Library

Kimsey’s work is a collection of recollections of early Scottsdale Stories of old Scottsdale by one of its earliest residents.

Lieber, Albert J. *Road to Scottsdale* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1999). 105pp. Available at the Scottsdale Public Library.

Lieber's book is an anecdotal telling of the early days of Scottsdale by one who lived its history.

Lynch, Richard E. *Winfield Scott: A Biography of Scottsdale's Founder* (Scottsdale: privately printed, 1978). Bibliography, Index. 206pp Available at the Scottsdale Public Library.

A detailed look at the founding of Scottsdale and its founder.

May, Cliff. *Western Ranch Houses by Cliff May*. (Santa Monica, CA.: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1997). 176pp. \$21.45 at Amazon.com

The success of the first edition of *Sunset Western Ranch Houses* led Sunset and Cliff May to bring out a second edition in 1958. Very different than the first edition, this too proved to be a best-seller. In addition being more thorough than the earlier work, the second edition also showed that May's architecture was going in new directions. He still preserved the rustic traditions and materials of the ranch house, but his designs were more open and flexible. The houses show that May had absorbed many of the modernist advances in domestic architecture taking place in Southern California, while still maintaining his esthetic roots in the Spanish ranch house. Volume also includes a brief history of the architectural development of the Ranch House.

May, Cliff. *Sunset Western Ranch Houses*. (Santa Monica, CA.: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1999). 160pp. \$20.37 at Amazon.com

During California's post-World War boom *Sunset Magazine* was a user's manual for the good life. The setting for this new life was the ranch house, and *Sunset* published some of the most interesting developments in this genre, the works of Cliff May. In 1946, *Sunset* published the first edition of *Sunset Western Ranch Houses*, and the book became a best-seller. This first edition has been unavailable for many years. It is a fascinating study of the roots of the ranch style, and it is also a compendium of ideas for today's home builders. The book is illustrated with evocative and useful drawings, two-color plans and photographs.

Miller, Julia. *Layperson's Guide to Preservation Law: Federal, State, and Local Laws Governing Historic Resources* (Washington D.C.: Preservation Press, 2004) 48pp. \$15.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Miller discusses the various laws and regulations that protect historic resources as well as laws governing nonprofit organizations and museum properties.

Murtagh, William. *Keeping Time: The History and Theory of Preservation in America* (John Wiley & Sons/Preservation Press, 1999) 246pp. Bibliography, Index, Appendices. \$50.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Also available used on Amazon.com.

This one-volume introduction to the history and philosophy of preservation in America moves from the private sector's early concern for saving patriotic sites to extensive governmental activity and the legal and economic dimensions of a growth industry. Broad-ranging chapters treat terminology, outdoor museums, historic districts, adaptive use, landscape preservation, and case studies for successful programs; appendixes include selections of important federal legislation and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. A recommended short history particularly useful for introductory courses and for laypersons concerned with preservation issues in their communities.

Myers, Patricia . *Scottsdale, Jewel of the Desert: An Illustrated History*. (Woodland Hills, CA.: Windsor Publications, 1984). 135pp, Index, Bibliography. \$3.39 on Amazon.com, used.

Edition Sponsored by the Scottsdale Historical Society. The book is well-illustrated with many full color photographs depicting the city's early and more modern history. Author traces the history of Scottsdale from its founding to modern times including: The town founding, boom and bust economics, the creation of an arts colony, and the creation of a tourist economy.

Rypkema, Donovan D. *The Economics of Preservation: A Community Leader's Guide* (Washington D.C.: Preservation Press, 1994). \$24.95 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Rypkema's book is intended as a reference for preservation advocates seeking to convince government officials, developers, property owners, business and community leaders, or his or her own neighbors that preservation strategies can make good economic sense. The book is divided into 100 numbered points accompanied with a brief discussion of each.

Sadler Wilson, Elizabeth. "Postwar Modern Housing and a Geographic Information System Study of Scottsdale Subdivisions." (M.A. thesis, Arizona State University, 2002). 160pp.

Wilson's work has been used extensively in the planning and execution of the Scottsdale Historic Preservation program. This work develops a full context for postwar ranch housing in the valley with an emphasis on Scottsdale Arizona. Using geographic information system (GIS), Wilson analyzed almost 15,000 homes in 236 subdivisions built between 1946 and 1947. Her findings detail the developmental and architectural trends of this ubiquitous style of housing throughout the city.

Samon, Katherine. *Ranch House Style*. (New York: Clarkson Potter Publishers, 2003). 192pp. Bibliography, Index. \$25.50 at Amazon.com

*Ranch House Style* is a home décor guide featuring examples of historic and modern ranch homes in a variety of settings. The author presents a variety of interiors from vintage to contemporary styles, and offers practical advice about how to "solve the special challenges that come with one-story living in a decades-old house, renovate for modern amenities, and design additions. Although written as an illustrative guide, the volume also includes material on the history of the Ranch house such as the sociological context, architects, designers, and furniture associated with this housing type.

Stipe, Robert E. ed. *A Richer Heritage: Historic Preservation in the Twenty-first Century* (Chapel Hill, NC.: University of North Carolina Press, 2003). 608pp, Bibliography, Index. 24.95 from Amazon.com

In this "best practices" volume for students, professionals, and policy makers, 15 essays by leading scholars and professionals explore the history of the preservation movement in the US, the current range of philosophies and strategies employed by professionals in the field, and recommendations for appropriate preservation strategies, both public and private.

Terrell, Greta. *Getting to Know your 20<sup>th</sup> century Neighborhood* (Washington D.C.: Preservation Press, 1994) \$6.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. \$6.00 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation

A look at neighborhoods that developed between 1900 and 1950. Identifies significant features of 10<sup>th</sup> century neighborhoods and offers tips on how to organize residents to protect a neighborhood's historic character.

Tyler, Norman. *Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice*. (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1999). 254pp. Bibliography, Index. \$18.33 from Amazon.com.

Norman Tyler is director of the Urban and Regional Planning Program at Eastern Michigan University. A primer that covers the gamut of preservation issues, from underlying philosophy to rehabilitation economics. Historic Preservation provides a thorough overview of the theory, technique, and procedure for preserving our architectural heritage. The perfect introduction for both architecture students and the interested layperson, it covers preservation philosophy, the history of the movement, the role of government, the designation and documentation of historic structures, establishing a historic district, sensitive architectural design and planning, and the economics of building rehabilitation.

United States Conference of Mayors, Special Committee on Historic Preservation to the U.S. Congress. *With Heritage so Rich; A Special Report* (New York: Random House, 1966; reprint, Washington DC, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Books, 1999). Bibliography. 243pp. \$25.00 from the National Trust on Historic Preservation.

The United States Conference of Mayors produced *With Heritage so Rich* in response to the rapid loss of historic properties during the postwar years due to federal highway and urban renewal projects. The book presents U.S. preservation history with European antecedents with an appeal for a national effort to preserve country's historic built environment. This report was influential in the passage of the 1966 Historic Preservation Act.

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. "Researching a Historic Property," National Register Bulletin, No. 39 (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1998). Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb39/>.

Practical guide to researching a historic property for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Topics include use of appropriate resources, research hints, completion of the National Register form, and a bibliography of useful resources.

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. "The National Register of Historic Places" (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2002) Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/brochure/>

This publication is a short brochure describing the National Register of Historic Places. Topics include: Results of listing in the National Register, preservation assistance, the National Register a planning tool, nomination and listing procedures, evaluating properties for listing in the National Register, determinations of eligibility, and National Historic Landmarks.

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. "My Property is Important To America's Heritage, What Does that Mean" (Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2002) Available online at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/myproperty/>

This publication is written as a question and answer guide to explain the responsibilities and benefits of owning a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Much of the brochure is applicable to city programs.

Wagner, Richard. *Buyer's Guide to Older and Historic Houses* (Washington D.C.: Preservation Press, 2001). \$12.00 from the National Trust of Historic Preservation.

Wagner explains the benefits of owning an old house, as well as tips to finding a house; regulatory, environmental, and financial issues; inspection and appraisal concerns; and insurance considerations.

William, Collins. *The Emerging Metropolis: Phoenix 1944-1973* (Phoenix: Arizona State Parks Board, 2005) 340pp, Index, Bibliography. \$8.00 from State Parks Board gift shop.

Written by the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, this is a context of post-war development in Phoenix as well as the larger metropolitan valley area. Book describes how Phoenixian met the challenges of the post war era and took advantage of both national trends and local opportunities to build a growth machine that has continued until today Phoenix is the fifth largest city in US.

Wilson, Elizabeth S. *Postwar Modern Housing and a Geographic Information System Study of Scottsdale Subdivisions*. (Published as a graduate school thesis by the author, 2002) Scottsdale has posted this research online on its Historic Preservation Program pages.

Written by a graduate student as her thesis, this study includes a historic context for postwar subdivisions and it includes a great deal of data and maps for 1946-1973 Scottsdale subdivisions. This research was invaluable to the Historic Preservation Commission as they conducted additional research and surveys on 1950s subdivisions, leading up to the identification of the top neighborhoods for consideration for historic district designation.